REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-73 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 20 is amended based on the results of a personal interview conducted with Examiner Chang on July 8. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully appreciates the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during the July 8 personal interview with Examiner Chang. The points discussed during the personal interview are re-emphasized in this Amendment.

During the personal interview, Examiner Chang agreed that neither Youn nor Shimada, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest an electro-optical device, including at least a portion of the data lines being connected to both of the data line driving circuit and the auxiliary data line driving circuit, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 39 and 40. Thus, the Examiner agreed that these claims distinguish over the applied references.

The Examiner also agreed during the personal interview that claim 20 would distinguish over the applied references if it was amended to incorporate this feature. Thus, claim 20 is amended to more clearly recite this feature.

Based on the remarks above, it respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-73 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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